Statement

District wise number of Khadi Artisans in Andhra Pradesh

Sl.	Name of the district	No. of Khadi Artisans
1	Srikakulam	5909
2	Vizianagaram	1475
3	Vishakhapatnam	627
4	East Godavari	3088
5	West Godavari	371
6	Karimnagar	2260
7	Ranga Reddy and Hyderabad	975
8	Kurnool	541
9	Ananthapur	1736
10	Cuddapah	504
11	Mahaboonagar	639
12	Guntur	1102
13	Prakasam	30
14	Nalgonda	54
15	Krishna	278
16	Medak	2866
	Total :	22459

Potential of ARIs in Rajasthan

1546. SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:

Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have assessed potential of the agro industries in Rajasthan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) how far this potential is being utilized; and

(d) what steps Government have taken to ensure development of the agro industries in the State and what are the marketing schemes Government intend to implement for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The following agro and rural industries have potential in Rajasthan;

(i) Cottage leather

(ii) Processing of cereals and pulses

(iii) Preparation pickle and *masalas*

(iv) Village pottery

(v) Manufacturing of Garments

(vi) Carpentry and blacksmithy

(vii) Lime based activities

(viii) Handmade paper products

(ix) Processing of fruits and vegetables activities, etc.

(c) Under the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) upto 31.03.2002, 20365 agro and rural industries projects have been established and Rs. 56.40 crores has been utilised as margin money assistance in Rajasthan.

(d) The Government through Khadi and Village Industries Commission is implementing the Rural Employment Generation Programme (REGP) for promoting agro and rural industries in the country, including the State of Rajasthan under which margin money assistance upto 25% for project costing upto Rs. 10 lakhs (30% in case of weaker section) and 10% for the project costing over and above Rs. 10 lakhs and upto Rs. 25 lakhs is provided. Besides, financial assistance to the tune of Rs. 16.50 lakhs during 1998-99 to 2002-03 was also made available to Rajasthan for undertaking various promotional activities for the benefit of REGP.

For the marketing of agro and rural products in the country, the Khadi

Package announced by Government of India on 14.05.2001, provides for strengthening of the marketing avenues of Khadi and Village Industry products through renovation and modernization of sales outlets, holding of exhibitions of these products, Market Development Assistance, creation of packaging and design facilities, brand building and cluster development, technology upgradation, quality control, etc.

Rural Industrialisation in Rajasthan

†1547. SHRI MOOLCHAND MEENA: Will the Minister of AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) the status of National Programme for Rural Industrialisation in the industrially backward districts of Rajasthan; and

(b) the achievements thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF AGRO AND RURAL INDUSTRIES (SHRI SANGH PRIYA GAUTAM): (a) and (b) Under the National Programme for Rural Industrialisation in Rajasthan, the Small Indusries Development Bank of India has taken up three clusters, one each in districts of Jaipur, Jodhpur and Sikar, and the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has taken up four clusters, one each in districts of Alwar, Chittorgarh, Jhalawar and Bikaner. The present status of each one of these clusters is indicated in Statement.

Statement

A) Clusters taken up for development under NPRI by SIDBI in the state of Rajasthan :

Name of the Cluster	Location of the Clumter	Amount Sanctioned	Activities Completed
Handblock Printed Textile Cluster	Bagru and Sanganer, Jaipur district Rajasthan Sanganer	Rs. 12.33 lakhs (Rs. 6.55 lakhs in 1999-2000, Rs. 2.61 lakhs in 2000-01, Rs. 1.80 lakhs in 2001-2002, Rs. 1.73 lakhs in 2003-03)	(i) Assistance provided for organizing a Buyer-Seller meet at Dastkar, New Delhi in October 1999. (ii) Assistance provided for developing Dhabu Pasting Institute of Design inInstitute of Design in Machine by the National Institute of Design in December 1999.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.